

June 11, 2020

Dear Residents, Staff, Benefactors and Friends,

We have good News about the Residents who were tested last week! All came back negative for Covid-19. There was such jubilation in the Home! This is a big milestone in our journey together to overcome this terrible infection. So as of last week, all Residents are virus-free. Even those who were positive for Covid-19 have recovered and are doing well. God is good!

We are in the process of testing Staff, again waiting for results for the first group of 23, plus a second group of 16 sent yesterday. By Friday, we should be finished with testing and waiting for results, which is always a very tense time. Please pray for good results.

Many thanks to all our Staff, including the Staff sent by Christiana Care for being so generous during the crisis. This was a very trying experience for Residents and their caregivers, being uncertain about the progression and outcome of the outbreak in our Home. Our medical team has been relentless in achieving our goals, and they deserve a huge debt of gratitude for giving their best to help make the Residents well and happy again.

Our Benefactors have continuously been giving either in financial aid or donations of food, paper goods and protective equipment. Many caring friends have spent long hours at the sewing machine making masks of all shapes sizes and sizes, colors you would not imagine, even a few designer masks. All these items are so needed and useful.

Please be aware to the fact that the CMS national data report for our Home here in Newark, Delaware is way off in the numbers. The total number of Staff who tested positive is being reported as 187 — in reality this is only 17. The numbers of Residents who tested positive was also way off, stated as 35 and 39 for suspected cases. The actual number of Residents who tested positive was 14, of whom 10 were not able to overcome the disease and died. May they rest in peace. The remaining 4 have recovered very well.

Of the rest of the Residents in the nursing units area, 4 never had the virus and when the remaining 24 Residents were tested, 4 tested positive but had no symptoms. All have recovered and are doing well, anxious to see family and friends.

Thank you for your help and understanding during this unprecedented tragedy. This has taken everyone to their knees to implore God's help in stopping the spread of this terrible affliction. There are signs of recovery not only in our Home, but nationwide. God is so good!

Gratefully,

Mother Margaret Regina and the Community of Little Sisters